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TO AMEMBASSY KATHMANDU

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E. O. 11652, AGDS, DECLAS JUNE 1, 1973.

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SUBJ: AMBASSADOR SHARMA' S FAREWELL CALL ON DEPUTY
SECRETARY RUSH MARCH 23

1. NEPALESE AMBASSADOR SHARMA PAID FAREWELL COURTESY
CALL ON DEPUTY SECRETARY RUSH. IN REPLY TO SECRETARY
RUSH' S REMARKS ON HOW HAPPY HE WAS TO BE RETURNING
TO NEPAL, AMBASSADOR SHARMA SAID HE WISHED TO OFFICIALLY
INVITE RUSH TO BE GUEST OF GON. SHARMA SAID HE HOPED
RUSH COULD STAY LONGER THAN SCHEDULED ONE DAY BUT ADDED
HE UNDERSTOOD SCHEDULE WAS TIGHT. RUSH AGREED SAYING
HE INTENDED TO MAKE MAXIMUM USE OF DAY HE HAD. SHARMA
ADDED HE WOULD BE IN KATHMANDU TO GREET MR. RUSH.

2. RUSH NOTED EXCELLENT RELATIONS EXISTING BETWEEN
TWO GOVERNMENTS AND SAID HE LOOKED FORWARD TO THEIR
BECOMING EVEN BETTER. HE COMPLIMENTED SHARMA ON WONDERFUL
JOB SHARMA HAD DONE AS AMBASSADOR FROM NEPAL AND EXPRESSED
HIS PERSONAL REGRET THAT SHARMA WAS LEAVING. SHARMA SAID
HIS FOUR YEARS IN WASHINGTON WERE HIGHLIGHT OF HIS
CAREER AND THAT HE APPRECIATED KINDNESS AND COOPERATION
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HE HAD RECEIVED FROM DEPARTMENT.

3. COMMENT: MR. RUSH' S FIRST VISIT TO NEPAL WAS IN
FEBRUARY 1960. ROGERS

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